

# Meat Chicken Levy Regulations (Amendment) 1995 No. 101

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### STATUTORY RULES 1995 No. 101

Issued by Authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

*Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969*

Meat Chicken Levy Regulations (Amendment)

Section 11 of the *Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Act and, in particular, provide for a levy for exotic disease purposes.

The *Exotic Animal Disease Control Act 1989* establishes the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Consultative Council (EXANDIS) and provides financial assistance for purposes related to the control and eradication of exotic animal diseases.

The financial assistance is provided through a trust account which receives annual industry contributions of approximately \$750,000 with expenditure of industry contributions from the account being matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of \$750,000 by the Commonwealth.

Regulations set the operative EXANDIS levy rate for 1994-95. The Act provides that before making regulations prescribing such rates, the Governor-General shall take into consideration any recommendations made to the Minister by those members of EXANDIS nominated by the National Farmers' Federation (NFF). The regulation was supported by the members of EXANDIS nominated by the National Farmers' Federation (NFF).

Statutory Rules 1994 No.162 which decreased the operative levy rate from 0.02 cent to 0.016 cent contained a typographical error. The Regulations will correct the error.

Details of the proposed Meat Chicken Levy regulations are as follows;

Regulation 1 provides that the Regulations are taken to have commenced on 1 July 1994.

Regulation 2 provides that the Meat Chicken Levy Regulations are amended as set out in the Regulations.

Regulation 3 in accordance with subsection 7(1) of the Act the rate of 0.018 cent is omitted and the rate of 0.016 cent is inserted.

Regulation 4 provides that Statutory Rules 1994 No. 162 are repealed.

The Minute recommends that Regulations be made in the form proposed.